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Honorable Virginia Strom-Martin, Chair Assembly Committee on Budget, Subcommittee #3 State Capitol, Room 4098 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblywoman Strom-Martin:

We understand that Committee staff have raised questions about the clarity of information provided on January 8, 1998, by the Resources Agency in response to the Supplemental Report of the 1997 Budget Act, Item 0540-001-0001, with particular reference to expenditures from the Bay-Delta Agreement Subaccount. This subaccount was created by Proposition 204 (1996).

The Bay-Delta Agreement Subaccount is used to fund the State's share of the costs of near-term ecosystem restoration projects in the Bay-Delta ecosystem. The State undertook these costs as part of the December 1994 Bay-Delta Accord between the state and federal governments and various parties with interests in Bay-Delta issues.

The January 8 report contained, for each of the 36 projects originally scheduled for funding from the Bay-Delta Agreement Subaccount, an Individual Proposal Report (a one-page summary of the project, its costs, and its linkages to the Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan) and the Executive Summary for the project.

Subsequent to that report, CALFED agencies have revised the funding arrangements for some projects and have allocated funding to additional projects. In the enclosed tables, we have summarized the most current funding information and linked our responses more closely to the questions raised in the *Supplemental Report*.

CALFED Agencies

California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service Bureau of Reclamation U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

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I hope this information is helpful. Please call me at 657-2666 if you have questions on this material.

Sincerely,

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## Enclosures

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